

Torrance, California
July 13, 1948

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 13, 1948, at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 22, 1948; the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held June 29, 1948; and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held July 6, 1948, be approved as written. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ABG943 A communication from Mrs. Jeanne Baxter, 23522 Pennsylvania Avenue, was read thanking the City Council for their prompt action in installing stop signs on or near 235th and 236th Streets and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Two communications from Tide Water Associated Oil Company were read advising that no permits were issued nor pipe lines laid or removed, under Los Angeles County Franchise No. 1014 and No. 1351, during the period January 1, 1948 to and including June 30, 1948. Matter of record.

A communication from the Los Angeles County Public Library was read enclosing a statement for library service for the last half of the year 1947-48, amounting to \$4,267.31, and calling attention to the \$79.26 to cover salary increases.

Councilman Haggard moved that an appropriation of \$4,267.31 be made for payment to the Los Angeles County Public Library for library service for the last half of the year 1947-48 in accordance with the terms of contract. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Los Angeles County Public Library was read submitting for approval Revised Tentative Budget for County Library Service and the Analysis of Budget Increases for the fiscal year 1948-49; the increase in the contract amounting to \$648.84, of which \$631.56 covers increase in salaries.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Revised Tentative Budget for County Library Service for the fiscal year 1948-49 be approved. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from Chief of Police Stroh was read recommending that the City Attorney be authorized to codify the City's Traffic Ordinances, explaining that there are twenty-five ordinances which are being used and are inadequate because of the increased traffic problems arising from the City's rapid growth.

A communication from the League of California Cities was read submitting a Model Traffic Ordinance for California Cities for the Council's consideration.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be directed to codify the City's Traffic Ordinances, as recommended by Chief of Police Stroh. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 405

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316
AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 371 BY
ADDING THE WORD "HEDGE" AND WORDS
DESCRIPTIVE THEREOF.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 405 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 405 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:07 p.m. Mayor Sherfey vacated the Chair and left the Council Chamber.

Councilman Powell moved that Councilman Jackson occupy the Chair during Mayor Sherfey's absence. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 406

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.
367; PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION
OF BICYCLES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION
THEREOF.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 406 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 406 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 407

ORDINANCE GRANTING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE
TO CONSTRUCT AND USE, FOR TRANSMITTING AND DIS-
TRIBUTING ELECTRICITY TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY AND
ALL PURPOSES, POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS AND APPUR-
TENANCES, INCLUDING COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS,
NECESSARY OR PROPER THEREFOR IN, ALONG, ACROSS,
UPON AND UNDER THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS
AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 407 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 407 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 411

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF AN IRREGULAR STRIP OF LAND 274 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN WIDTH, AS THE CASE MAY BE, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY CALLE MIRAMAR STREET, ON THE EAST BY CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS, CALLE MAYOR AND VIA ANITA STREETS, AS SHOWN ON CENTER LINE SURVEY MAP ON FILE IN THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ON THE SOUTH BY THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES, AND ON THE WEST BY HOLLYWOOD PALOS VERDES PARKWAY; FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-3 (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 411 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 411 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 412

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 14838 (KNOWN AS KETTLER KNOLLS NO. 2) BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY CABRILLO AVENUE, ON THE NORTH BY SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, ON THE EAST BY WALNUT AVENUE AND KETTLER ESTATES ON THE SOUTH; FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 412 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 412 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 413

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 14232, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 174TH STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO THE FOLLOWING USES: LOTS 12 TO 20, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 8, TO C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL); LOTS 1 TO 11, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 8, TO R-2 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL); AND THE REMAINDER OF THE TRACT TO R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 413 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 413 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 414

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF LOTS 1 TO 46, INCLUSIVE, TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 15071; BEING THE FRONTAGE ON PRAIRIE AVENUE AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, WITH A DEPTH OF 100 FT. EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 1370 FT. WESTERLY AND 135 FT. SOUTHERLY FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 414 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 414 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 415

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 8, TRACT NO. 4070 FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 415 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 415 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 416

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF LOT TWO OF TRACT NO. 10786 FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO AN R-3 (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 416 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 416 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Sherfey resumed the Chair.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 417

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE FROM TIME TO TIME TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, AND REMOVE OR ABANDON IN PLACE, PIPE LINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF OIL, GAS, GASOLINE, WATER, STEAM, MUD, WASTE WATER, AND OTHER LIQUID AND GASEOUS SUBSTANCES, TOGETHER WITH ALL MANHOLES, SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND APPURTENANCES NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE OPERATION OF SAID PIPE LINES, TOGETHER WITH POLES AND CONDUITS WITH ALL WIRES AND OTHER APPURTENANCES AND EQUIPMENT FOR TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES, NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR APPLICANT'S BUSINESS AND THE OPERATION OF SAID PIPE LINES, FOR THE TERM OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS, IN, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS ANY AND ALL STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, NOW OR HEREAFTER DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 417 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 417 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 418

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIMITING PARKING TIME ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 418 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 418 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 419

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC
CONTROL INSTALLATIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 419 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 419 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 420

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE CLOSING, VACATING
AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF BEECH AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 420 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 420 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1915

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION
NO. 1887.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1915 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1916RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION
NO. 1889.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1916 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1916 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1917RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1893 OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE BY METHODIZING THE FIVE STEP
PAY RANGE PLAN OF SALARIES FOR THE CITY EMPLOY-
EES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1917 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from John R. Patrick, Secretary, City Planning Commission, advising that on July 12, 1948 the Torrance City Planning Commission had acted upon the following matters:

ZONING:

Case No. 126: The second hearing was held on the Petition of Carl L. Stiles for a Change of Zone affecting Lots 5 and 6, Tract No. 3391, at the southwest corner of 230th Street and Narbonne Avenue, with a frontage of 79.5 feet on Narbonne Avenue and a depth of 125 feet. Petitioner requested that this property be rezoned from A-1 to C-1.

The Planning Commission moved to change this petition from a Change of Zone to a Variance for a General Market and approved same.

At this point there was a short discussion on how to proceed with regard to the action on these cases. City Attorney Smith instructed that each case should be acted on separately.

Councilman Haggard moved that the Council approve the action of the Planning Commission in changing the petition of Carl L. Stiles from a Change of Zone to a Variance. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Case No. 127: The second hearing was held on the Petition of Luther Mumford for a Change of Zone affecting Lots 1 and 2, Block 60, and Lot 14, Block 65, of the Torrance Tract; being the south-east and northeast corners, respectively, of Madrid Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. Petitioner requested that this property be rezoned from R-1 and R-3 to C-1 (Retail Commercial).

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The Planning Commission unanimously denied this petition and referred it to the City Council for the third and final public hearing. The date of this hearing cannot legally be held before July 27, 1948, due to the necessary public notice requirements.

Councilman Powell moved that a Public Hearing on Case No. 127 be held July 27, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Case No. 128: The second hearing was held on the Petition of Hollywood Development Company for a Change of Zone, affecting Lots 9 to 18, inclusive, and Lot 21, all in Block F, Tract No. 10300; said property being in Hollywood Riviera. Petitioner requested that this property be rezoned from R-3 to C-2.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved this petition and referred it to the City Council for the third and final public hearing, which cannot legally be held before July 27, 1948, due to the necessary public notice requirements.

Councilman Jackson moved that the third and final Public Hearing on Case No. 128 be set for July 27, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Case No. 131: The second hearing was held on the Petition of the Riviera Housing Corporation for a Change of Zone affecting all of Tract No. 14898, in the Hollywood Riviera District. Petitioner desires to rezone this property from an A-1 to an R-1 Zone.

This petition was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission and referred to the City Council for the third and final public hearing, which cannot legally be held before July 27, 1948, due to the necessary public notice requirements.

Councilman Haggard moved that a Public Hearing on Case No. 131 be held July 27, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

VARIANCES:

Case No. 130: Petition of K. Sande Senness for a Zoning Variance to permit the installation of equipment for the purpose of extracting sand and gravel products from a portion of Lot 5, Tract No. 9765, comprising approximately 90 acres, lying between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madison Avenue. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

This variance has been held up until the necessary core drilling has been completed, at which time a definite location may be designated.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council await further notification from the Planning Commission on this matter. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Case No. 133: A hearing was held on the petition of Samuel D. Boice for a Variance to permit the construction of a three-family residence on Lot 4, Block 19, Tract No. 2761, situated at 1741 Greenwood Avenue, in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

This petition was unanimously approved.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving the Petition of Samuel D. Boice for a Variance. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Case No. 134: A hearing was held on the petition of Edward Nickel for a Zoning Variance to permit the construction of a permanent building for the purpose of displaying and selling chickens and eggs, which are produced at the same location, 3100 Newton Street, between Pacific Coast Highway and Madison Street in WALTERIA. This property is located in an A-1 Zone.

This petition was approved by the Commission with the condition that the building be constructed 90 feet from the center line of Newton Street.

Councilman Powell moved that the action of the Planning Commission in approving the Petition of Edward Nickel for a Zoning Variance, subject to the condition specified, be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Case No. 135: A hearing was held on the Petition of Lewis H. Bigelow for a Zoning Variance to permit the use of the existing building located at 3000 Newton Street, between Madison Street and Crenshaw Boulevard in WALTERIA, for the retail sale of garden supplies, plant foods, etc., in conjunction with the nursery business now being operated at the above address, known as the "Newcoast Nursery". This property is located in an A-1 Zone.

This petition was approved by the Commission with the condition that all buildings be kept 90 feet back from the center line of Newton Street.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving the Petition of Lewis H. Bigelow for a Zoning Variance, subject to the condition above-mentioned. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS:

The following Tract Maps were approved and recommended to the City Council:

1. Tentative Tract Map No. 15397, a portion of Lot B in the Rancho Los Palos Verdes, consisting of 419 residential lots.
2. Revised Plan of Tract No. 15139, located east of Madison Street and south of Pacific Coast Highway.
3. Final Map No. 13514, (Seaside Ranchos #2).
4. Revised Tentative Map of Tract No. 11732, located on the northwest corner of 170th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. This map was approved subject to the condition that the lots be enlarged to 6000 sq. ft. in area.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 15397; Revised Plan of Tract No. 15139; Final Map No. 13514; and Revised Tentative Map of Tract No. 11732. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Approval was given the school site of twelve-plus acres, known as "That portion of Lot B of the Rancho Los Palos Verdes in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map in Case No. 2373 of the Superior Court", as

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requested in a letter from the Torrance City School District, dated July 12, 1948. The Board of Education contemplates purchasing this site from Mr. Ben Haggott of Seaside Ranchos as soon as it receives approval from your body and the State Department of Education.

Councilman Haggard moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving the school site of twelve-plus acres, being "that portion of Lot B of the Rancho Los Palos Verdes, Case No. 2373 of the Superior Court", as requested by the Torrance City School District. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from City Administrator Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

- (a) That the Civil Service Board be authorized to prepare a classification for License and Sales Tax Inspector and to hold an examination for said classification.

APPROPRIATIONS:

- (a) For the purchase of surplus building for library purposes and moving same from San Pedro to Waleria, the sum of \$575.00. (From Library Funds).
- (b) For the purchase of surplus building for recreation purposes and moving same from San Pedro to the Waleria Park, the sum of \$550.00.
- (c) To the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission for the performance of Civil Service functions for the City of Torrance per contract No. 377-Z, during the period July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948, the sum of \$854.00.
- (d) To the N.G.R. Construction Company, refund on Engineering and Inspection fee deposit, the sum of \$85.91.

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- (a) That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare an ordinance regulating the collection, storage and removal of combustible rubbish.
- (b) That Ordinance No. 356, vacating portions of Madrid Avenue in Tract No. 9901, in the vicinity of 203rd Street, be rescinded for the reason that the abandonment proceedings were illegal.

Councilman Jackson moved that the recommendations submitted by City Administrator Stevens be approved. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council formally oppose the inclusion of any part of the City of Torrance in the South Bay Harbor Assessment District. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale moved that, upon recommendation of Chief of Police Stroh and City Administrator Stevens, Chief Stroh be authorized to extend the 25 mile zone south from Lincoln Avenue and Arlington Avenue to the intersection of 233rd Street and Narbonne Avenue. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. R. I. Plomert, of the Torrance Industries' Tax Committee inquired if this was the date for holding a hearing on the City Budget for the fiscal year 1948-49.

Mayor Sherfey replied that after disposing of other business the hearing would be held.

Mr. E. L. Morton asked if the action taken by the City Council at the meeting of June 22, 1948, granting his petition for Variance, which petition had previously been denied by the Planning Commission, would be considered at this time.

Mayor Sherfey replied that the motion made at the meeting of June 22, 1948 to override the denial of the Planning Commission was lost, due to the fact that said motion requires a four-fifths vote of the Council to overrule the decision of the Planning Commission; and as the Minutes of June 22, 1948 have been approved, the ruling stands unchanged.

At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Sherfey declared a short recess before proceeding with the hearing on the City Budget for the fiscal year 1948-49.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1918

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A FRANCHISE
BOND FILED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY, A CORPORATION.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1918 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1918 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey advised that Clerk Bartlett, as Finance Officer, has prepared a tentative Budget for the fiscal year 1948-49, based on figures submitted by the different departments, and is presented at this time for approval, and will be again presented on the 20th day of July, 1948.

Mayor Sherfey then requested City Administrator Stevens to proceed with the hearing on the budget.

Mr. Stevens said that he would read the budget by departments, and should there be any questions he would be glad to stop and discuss them. He then proceeded to read the budget by departments, announcing that the total expenditures for the year 1948-49 have been estimated at \$545,180.00.

As there were no questions, Mr. Stevens proceeded to read the estimated Advertising, Music and Park Budget, which totaled \$43,300.00.

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Mr. R. I. Plomert, Jr., Chairman of the Industries' Tax Committee, complimented the Council and City Staff for a very fine budget. He advised that the Tax Committee approves the budget as a whole and urges its adoption.

Mr. J. A. Evans urged the repeal of the Sales Tax Ordinance on the ground that the city's increased income for the year 1948-49, together with the reduction of five cents in the general tax rate, would still leave a substantial amount in the City's General Fund.

Mr. Logan Cotton, City Auditor, declared that the City is in a sound financial condition, for which much credit should be given the employees and department heads for their splendid cooperation in holding the line during the past year. He explained that there are items in the new budget which should have been purchase last year but were not because of the City's financial condition. He believed that in future years the budget can probably be reduced, as evidenced by the splendid work accomplished last year.

Councilman Powell moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:20 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to July 20, 1948, at 8:00 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

George Sheriff, Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE